

**282—15.19(272) School social worker.**

**15.19(1) Authorization.** An individual who meets the requirements of subrule 15.19(2) or 15.19(3) is authorized to serve as a school social worker to pupils from birth to age 21 (and to a maximum allowable age in accordance with Iowa Code section 256B.8).

**15.19(2) Option 1: Endorsement requirements.** An applicant must hold a master's degree in social work from an accredited school of social work to include a minimum of 20 semester hours of coursework (including practicum experience) which demonstrates skills, knowledge, and competencies in the following areas:

- a. Social work.*
  - (1) Assessment (e.g., social, emotional, behavioral, and familial).
  - (2) Intervention (e.g., individual, group, and family counseling).
  - (3) Related studies (e.g., community resource coordination, multidiscipline teaming, organizational behavior, and research).
- b. Education.*
  - (1) General education (e.g., school law, foundations of education, methods, psychoeducational measurement, behavior management, child development).
  - (2) Special education (e.g., exceptional children, psycho-educational measurement, behavior management, special education regulations, counseling school-age children).
- c. Practicum experience.* A practicum experience in a school setting under the supervision of an experienced school social work practitioner is required. The practicum shall include experiences that lead to the development of professional identity and the disciplined use of self. These experiences will include: assessment, direct services to children and families, consultation, staffing, community liaison and documentation. If a person has served two years as a school social worker, the practicum experience can be waived.
- d. Completion of an approved human relations component is required.*
- e. The program must include preparation that contributes to the education of students with disabilities and students who are gifted and talented.*

**15.19(3) Option 2: Statement of professional recognition (SPR).** The special education director (or designee) of the area education agency or local education agency must submit an application to request that the authorization be issued. The application must include:

- a. An official transcript that reflects the master's degree in social work; and*
- b. The licensed independent social worker (LISW) or licensed master social worker (LMSW) license issued by the Iowa board of social work examiners.*